



Operating Engineers Certification Program

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OECP SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

It is the policy of the OECP that crane operators who apply for certification, or recertification, shall not use prescribed, over-the-counter, or illegal substances which may impair their ability to safely operate a crane.

This includes, but is not limited to, illegal drugs, controlled substances, designer drugs, or any other substance which has an effect on the human body of being a narcotic, depressant, stimulant, or hallucinogen.

An exception is that an operator may use a drug if it is prescribed by a licensed physician who is familiar with the operator's medical history and all assigned duties, and who has advised the operator that the prescribed drug will not adversely affect the operator's ability to safely operate a crane.

In addition to this policy, all candidates must comply with the substance abuse testing rules as specified in ASME B30.5.

ASME B30.5 states: "Operator . . . shall meet the following . . . a negative result for a substance abuse test. The level of testing will be determined by the standard practice for the industry where the crane is employed and this test shall be confirmed by a recognized laboratory service."

A "recognized" laboratory should be one that is certified to meet federally mandated standards.

Candidates applying for either initial certification, or recertification, must submit proof of a negative substance abuse test from a recognized laboratory or medical review officer conducted within 90 days of application receipt by the OECP.

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